

by Bro. Flora. Song 183. Moved and seconded that minutes of preceding day be read. Motion carried. Minutes read and approved as read.

Motion by Bro. Flora: I move that the association appoint by nomination a committee on committees to report at the earliest possible time today. Motion seconded, carried. The following committee was appointed, Bro's Christner, Flora and Yoder.

Motion made and seconded to have a query department. Motion carried. The Secretary was appointed to receive and assign queries. Recitation in N. T. Study was presented by Bro. Rensch on the following:

The Church, I, What it is. 1. The body of Christ. 1. Eph. i, 22, 23; 2. Rom. xii. 4, 5. 3. 1 Cor. xii. 27. 4. Eph. iv. 11, 12. 5. Eph. v. 23-30. 6. Col. i, 24.

II, Its Foundation, I, Jesus the Christ. 1. Matt. xvi. 18. 2. Acts xx. 28. 3. 1 Cor. iii. 11, 4. Eph. ii, 20, 5. Eph. v. 23.

III, Its Unity, 1. One Body in Christ, 1. 1 Cor. x. 17, 2; 2. 1 Cor. xii. 13, 14; 3. Gal. iii. 28; 4. John xvii. 11-21.

IV, Its Discipline, 1. Let all things be done unto edifying. 1. Matt. xviii. 17, 18; 2. 1 Cor. v. 3-5. Was presented by using the association as a class.

Report of Committee on committees. On programme, Brethren Wm. H. Miller, S. B. Grisso and G. W. Rensch. On location, Brethren G. W. Rensch, D. S. Cripe and Wm. H. Miller. On resolutions, Brethren J. A. Miller, S. B. Grisso and W. W. Summers. Signed by committee. Queries were assigned as follows:

No. 1, To Bro. D. C. Christner.
No. 2, To Bro. J. A. Miller.
No. 3, To Bro. W. W. Summers.
Adjourned to 1:30 p. m.
Closed by singing No. 192.

1:30 P. M.
Bro. Perry in the chair. Singing of song No. 163. Minutes of A. M. session read and approved. Queries were discussed at this time.

No. 1, By Bro. Christner was answered in the negative: She has not the proper qualifications.

No. 2, Answered by Bro. J. A. Miller: Women have the right to preach. Scripture references were noted.

No. 3, Answered by Bro. W. W. Summers.

The subject of the "Lord's Supper," was introduced by Bro. G. W. Rensch and was further discussed by Bros Christner, Miller, Rensch and S. Kelly.

This subject was fully discussed. The subject of "Feet washing" was presented by Bro. W. W. Summers in a talk. Was further discussed by Bro. McRae of the Disciple church and by Bro. Christner. Moved and seconded to adjourn. Bro. Christner was named to preach in the evening. Bro. Summers to lead song and prayer service.

Motion to adjourn carried. Singing of doxology and dismissal by Bro. Yoder. 6:30 p. m.

Song and prayer service conducted by Bro. Summers. Evening's sermon was delivered by Rev. D. C. Christner. Text, Eph. iii. 10. Theme, "The intent of the church."

THURSDAY, DEC. 28th, '93, 9 A. M.

Bro. Perry in the chair. Singing No. 224. Devotional service consisting of the reading of Rom. xii. and prayer by Wm. H. Miller. Singing No. 204. Minutes of P. M. session of the 27th, read, corrected and approved. Moved and seconded that Bro. Summers occupy the chair. Motion carried. A recitation in "Christian Evidences" was conducted by Bro. Perry. The lesson was conducted in a catechetical manner, using the assembly as a class. A recess of five minutes taken. A col-

lection taken. A few stanzas were sung. "Christian Evidences" was again taken up by Bro. Perry, giving his concluding part of the work. This was followed by a general discussion. Moved and seconded to adjourn; motion carried. Singing of song No. 225 and dismissed.

1:30 P. M.
Bro. Perry in the chair. Singing of song 116 followed by prayer.

Committee on location reported. Report adopted as read. The report. We, your committee on location, beg leave to report Loree, as the place to hold our next sessions of the association. Signed by two of committee. The report of the committee on program was adopted as read.

The report Sixth meeting of the Brethren Ministerial Association of Ind., to be held at Loree, Ind., May 22, 23, 24, 1894.

Program, Tuesday, 10 A. M. 1, Devotions; 2, Roll call; 3, Enrollment of new members; 4, Miscellaneous work.

1:30 P. M.

1. Devotional.
2. Bible Study by Wm. H. Miller.
3. Bible History by J. A. Miller.
4. Pulpit manners and customs, Paper by W. C. Perry.

6:30

1. Devotions. 2. Sermon by Laura E. N. Grossnickle.

Wednesday 9: A. M.
1. Devotion. Organization of the Christian church by D. C. Christner.

3. Bible reading by S. B. Grisso.

1:30 P. M.

1. Devotions. 2. Bible history by J. A. Miller. 3. Special mission of the Brethren church paper, by W. W. Summers. 4. Organization of Christian church, by D. C. Christner.

6:30 P. M.

1. Devotions.
2. Sermon by D. A. Hopkins.

Resolved: that we recognize the value and importance of the work contemplated by this association more and more; that we earnestly solicit the co-operation and attendance of all the members of the association and others interested.

THURSDAY, 9 A. M.

1. Devotions.
2. Organization of the Christian church by D. C. Christner.
3. Bible study by G. W. Rensch.
4. Sanctification by L. W. Ditch.

1:30 P. M.

1. Devotions.
2. Bible History by J. A. Miller.
3. Miscellaneous work.

7:00 P. M.

Communion. Signed by committee. The report of the committee on resolutions was read and adopted as read.

THE REPORT

We your committee on resolutions beg leave to submit the following report.

Resolved: that it is the sentiment of this association, that each and all of its members should truly and sincerely think, speak, and act for the mutual interest of each and all according to the N. T. Scriptures, and thereby maintain Christian confidence, unity, and love both among the congregations and preachers.

Resolved: that we pledge to each other our mutual and helpful influence. That we assist each other to pulpit employment and that we consider it a breach of Christian courtesy for a member of this association to disrespect the interests of another or in any way to take the advantage of a brother minister in securing a charge.

Resolved: that we esteem it our privilege to defend each others reputation and common pulpit interests, the church and the cause of Christ against slander in all that is Christian and just.

Resolved: that we extend to our Brethren and Friends of Milford our gratitude for the kindness and hospitality received at their hands. Signed by committee.

The following motion was carried. That when the secretary has received a certain book from Bro. Perry he formulate a correct roll of members.

Motion that we elect in the usual way was carried.

The election: Pres. W. W. Summers Vice Pres. B. H. Flora. Secretary Wm. H. Miller. Tres. D. V. Yoder. Critic Laura E. N. Grossnickle.

A sermon was given by Wm. H. Miller at this time. Bro. Christner urged the necessity of members of the state and national ministerial Associations doing their duty.

Motion to adjourn carried.

Adjourned by the chair, Bro. W. C. Perry.

WM. H. MILLER, SECRETARY.

PRACTICAL SALVATION.

SELECTED BY MRS. P. F. EICHORN.

I give great praise to God for all He has done for me. I was deeply impressed by the conversion of a wretched drunkard. He became, and is to-day, a model Christian man. I said to myself, "There is more in this matter of conversion than I have ever dreamed of." Some time afterwards, I heard of the "second blessing," and I wanted it. I knew I was a Christian, but O! I had so many "ups and downs," and was so tired of living that way, I felt almost discouraged. Two years ago I went to Pitman Grove, and there I came under deep conviction, but was afraid to give up reputation, ambition, and some other things, among which was tobacco, to the use of which I was a perfect slave. My convictions deepened, and I tried to get rid of them. One day I was lying in a hammock smoking when Brother Updegraff (whom I had met before) came up and greeted me. Removing my cigar from my mouth, I said, "I suppose you will 'pitch into me' about this," and was somewhat astonished when he replied, "No, indeed, I won't; if I can't hit you below your cigar, I won't bother with you at all," and he walked on. Well, I saw it in a flash. The trouble was lower down than my lips. It was my heart that needed cleansing and I went down before the Lord just for that. I laid everything on the altar and cut every tie. He gave me my desire, and, though I have had many conflicts, He has carried me through. I am saved from the tobacco habit; all desire for it is gone. God has wonderfully blessed me in my church. My entire session has been clearly converted, and many in my church have sought and found entire sanctification. I want all the Lord has for

me; I am done forever limiting Him.

An old writer says, "It is with Christians as with burning coals. If these are scattered far apart, one after the other is easily extinguished; but, when collected together, the fire of one preserves that of the other, and the glowing coals often ignite others that lie near."

One of the hopeful signs of the times is, that Christians are coming nearer together. It is not so much dogma, or creed, as Christ in the heart. These living hearts brought into close contact, by the thousand or million, may kindle a fire that shall consume the works of sin in every direction.

One of the old writers says, "Nothing is to me a greater proof of the flesh (the carnal mind) being utterly Satanic, than the fact that, though Satan works in the children of disobedience, they mistake his operations for the spontaneous movements of their own will; they walk according to the Prince of the power of the air; and they are not conscious of the fact—their walk is so according to the desire of their own hearts."

Satan is a greater deceiver; he blinds men so that they shall not ovey the truth. The only line of safety is in having him cast out of the soul, and "spoiled of his goods" by the Mightier than the strong man.

Hewitson writes: "I think I know more of Jesus than of any earthly friend." Hence, one who knew him well remarked, "One thing struck me in Mr. Hewitson. He seemed to have no gaps—no intervals in his communion with God. I used to feel, when with him, that it was being with one who was a vine watered every moment."

How often it is said, "If I were differently circumstanced, I could serve God so much more fully." "This is," as one has well remarked, "the devil's tempting bait to ruin souls." Christianity is designed to give us a sublime mastery over circumstances. Its most illustrious examples have been those whose circumstances have been most unfriendly.

Matthew Henry used to say, when persecuted for his opinion, "How sweet it is to hear the bird in the bosom sing sweetly!" The bird in the bosom is a good conscience, a priceless treasure, a bird in the bosom whose notes are sweet enough to mingle with the rapturous sonnets of the better land. Is this bird in your bosom?